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recessed channel  
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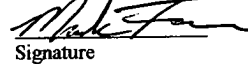
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, please amend  
the above application as follows:

### **Drawing Amendments:**

Applicants have included a replacement drawing sheet for figure 2 and new  
drawing sheet containing figure 4, both of which include a spout. The  
shape of the spout shown in these drawings are the same shapes shown in  
the prior art disclosed in the original specification. Applicants request  
consideration of drawing sheets containing figure 1A" and figure 3 as  
previously presented. Applicants wish to cancel drawing sheets containing  
figure 2A and figure 2B.